FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all drug manufacturers are required to have their own testing laboratories under the drug control rules;

(b) whether it is also a fact that drug manufacturers in Bombay had filed writs in Bombay High Court against this requirement;

(c) if so, names of drug companies who filed writ petitions along with the details of their ground;

(d) whether it is a fact that High Court granted stay orders; and

(e) if so, what are the grounds on which stay had been granted and what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a), (b) and (d) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (e) Following eight names are mentioned in the writ petition No. 949 of 1987 filed at Bombay High Court against the order of the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Maharashtra State asking them to provide Analytical Laboratories as required under Drugs & Cosmetics Rules. A counter Affidavit has already been filed by Central Government:

1. Shri Prataprai Keshavji Mehta, Bombay.

2. Shri F. K. Sholapurwala, Bombay.

3. Messrs. Paramount Pharmaceuticals, Bombay.

4. Messrs. Nav Niketan Pharnaceuticals, Bombay.

5. Messers. Apex Pharmaceuticals, Bombay.

6. Messrs. Shalg Pharmaceuticals, Bombay.

7. Messrs. Sarley Chemicals, Bombay.

8. Messrs. Raja Balakrishna Hiralal Company, Bombay.

Drugs identified under the National Health Programme

3788. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1856 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified the list of drugs needed for control of diseases covered under National Health Programmes and sent the same to Department of Chemicals in the month of July, 1987;

(b) if so, the number of drugs; and

(c) what was the objective under which this list of drugs was identified and for what purpose the same was sent to Department of Chemicals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Health has prepared a category I list of drugs needed for control of diseases covered under National Health Programme for the purpose of price control and has sent it to the Department of Chemicals for finalisation. The list is yet to be finalised by the Department of Chemicals (Ministry of Industry).

Comparative trials of Dextropropoxyphene with analgesics drugs

3789. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2032 given in Rajya Sabha on 12th August, 1987 and state: